

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a device comprising two hollow profiles arranged in a butt-jointed manner approximately at right angles to one another, each of which has a profile channel parallel to its profile longitudinal axis and also, in at least one profile side surface, an undercut longitudinal groove parallel to the profile channel, ~~according to the preamble of the independent claim.~~ The invention furthermore relates to a tool for operating the connecting bolt.

Please replace paragraph [0030] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0030] The shaft-facing stop surface 38, 38a of the screw head 36, which crosses over the shaft longitudinal axis M, merges into a cylindrical annular section 40, 40a having a height  $n_1$  and said diameter g of the peripheral wall of the screw head 36. Adjoining the annular section 40, 40a is a wall surface 42, 42a of axial height  $n_2$  which in cross section is inclined at an angle w of in this case  $45^\circ$  with respect to the shaft longitudinal axis M; integrally formed in this wall surface 42, 42a in the radial direction are grooves or notches 43, 43a which between them form ribs 44, 44a and a crenellated edge pattern 45 in said annular section 40, 40a. At a distance from said stop surface 38, 38a, the conically tapering wall section 42, 42a and thus also each of the notches 43, 43a merge into an annular, radially oriented step surface 46 which surrounds an integrally formed top body 48 having a height  $n_3$ . The smooth peripheral surface thereof is inclined towards the axis in cross section in a manner corresponding to the associated wall section 42, 42a within the screw head 36. The top body 48 ends at a head surface 50 which adjoins the screw head 36, wherein a hexagonal socket 49 can be seen in said head surface.

Please replace paragraph [0032] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0032] Rotation of the screw shaft 32 into the profile channel 14 or the profile body 12 of the other hollow profile 10 which surrounds the latter is carried out by means of a tool 52 which is partially shown schematically in FIG. 2. This tool consists of a round profile 54 having a diameter  $q$  of in this case 8 mm, preferably a steel rod, said round profile optionally being bent at an angle in the longitudinal direction. Said diameter  $q$  should be shorter than the height or depth  $e$  of the groove space 26 of the hollow profile 10, 10a. This round profile 54 is designed to a length  $t$  of approximately 10 mm at one end as an insertion head 56 with a peripheral surface 57 which tapers conically at an angle  $\gamma$  of approximately  $25^\circ$ , said peripheral surface being provided with parallel longitudinal notches 58 for receiving ribs 44, 44a of the screw head 36. A correspondingly inclined protective section 66 of a protective plate which is essentially designed as an angled piece bears against the peripheral or outer surface of said insertion head 56; said protective plate is placed onto the round profile 54 by means of a radial section 62, with a lateral section 64 of the protective plate 60 running parallel to the longitudinal axis  $Q$  of said round profile at a distance therefrom. This lateral section is angled towards the insertion head 56 close to the latter at a bend point 65, forming said protective section 66.

Please replace paragraph [0034] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0034] A different embodiment of the connecting bolt 30a is shown in FIGS. 4, 5. The screw head 36a thereof has a relatively high annular section [40] 40a which is adjoined by a conical wall section [42] 42a of approximately the same height  $n_2$ . The latter ends at a free head surface 50a; the above-described top body is omitted here.

Please replace paragraph [0036] of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0036] Shown above the slip-on collar 70 in FIGS. 4, 5 is an axially assigned M8 threaded sleeve 80 having a length  $k$  and an outer diameter  $g_2$  which corresponds approximately to the diameter  $g$  of the screw head 36a. The wall 82 of this threaded sleeve 80 is provided with an outer thread [89] 84. Once the slip-on collar 70 has been fitted, the shaft 32 is introduced into the interior 78 of the threaded sleeve 80, in which it is then securely seated. This unit consisting of connecting bolt 30a, slip-on collar 70 and threaded sleeve 80 is then supplied to a hollow profile 10a. Since the width  $b$  of the longitudinal grooves 22 of the latter is somewhat greater than the width  $b_1$  of the slip-on collar 70, the latter can be passed radially through one of the longitudinal grooves 22 in an axis-parallel manner and be rotated in the associated groove space 26; the width  $f$  of said groove space is somewhat greater than the length  $c$  of the base strip 71. In a hollow profile according to FIG. 1, the height  $i_2$  of said base strip corresponds to the height  $h$  of the insertion track 28 of said groove space, or to the radial height of said groove space in the case of groove spaces of rectangular cross section.